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Think very carefully

VOTE

PEEL BY-ELECTION
CANDIDATE 2015



Introduction

I feel the essence of a 'Manifesto' has become diluted by false promises:

- Recently in the News, a Minister who was in his early years very vocal against building more houses and restricting population and residency is now promoting the opposite!
- A candidate seeking to be nominated will understandably have his or her own ideas and passions, but what happens when they conflict? It 's my belief that a MHK should honour the Mandate of the electorate who have voted him or her in, whatever the reality of what can realistically be achieved during the term / part of the term: The Peel electorate have mentioned the following amongst their priorities -
 - Better social/ health care for the elderly
 - More investment in education
 - Ensure the infrastructure in Peel meets the needs of our Community
 - Increase the facilities for young people
 - Guard our Fishing Industry

Policies for Peel

What exactly is the status of the dredging of Peel Marina for the immediate future and ongoing : I have watched several yachts run aground since the dredging finished and it looks like it has not been completed yet.

Dumping the dredging soil up the road temporarily is -and will be - extremely costly as it will probably need relocating again. Also may be an issue as to contamination (possibly connected with recent oil spillage into the river).

Dumping raw sewage is an environmental disaster waiting to happen: We should treat the waste instead and get rid of it in a more professional manner.

Development – there are a number of derelict houses in the town which could be renovated to provide accommodation to reduce the surrender of our countryside to further development: Shortly, the new development will be reaching the Cemetery- a sad progression both in developmental and emotional terms.

Profile

Sites Supervisor, Manx National Heritage

I have in one way or another had a connection with Peel for over 50 years, I have a strong military music background having served in the forces for many years. I have maintained this interest during 2015, inter alia by making a record in Ireland with my former colleagues, playing in the Final Salute of the Royal Irish Regiment in March and regular concerts with local town bands.

I am married with a son and a stepson (both now adult) and I live in Peel.

National Priorities

Build better relations with Scotland and also with Northern Ireland –one day soon Scotland may have Independence and this could change the dynamics of the Economy of the UK: We should stop looking to Westminster for help, we have the oldest continuous parliament in the world and it's time to have more confidence in ourselves as a Nation. On the same subject, it is regrettable that the Minister sent over recently to strengthen ties between ourselves and Westminster was immediately afterwards the subject of a National scandal, filmed taking drugs with prostitutes and has since resigned!

Charge for Work Permits and create revenue, rather than increase the period of validity –it’s hard enough for local people to get jobs as it is.

The UK may opt out of Europe and suffer in terms of trade so we need to be able to explore an independent relationship with Europe, in an effort to avoid any fall- out business.

China is experiencing growth- continue to work with their government.

Pensions

You must pay in and then you can take something out; this should include MHKs and MLCs (who should be elected by the Public- we are after all supposed to have a democracy).

Health

You can be in need of health care 24/7 but there seems currently to be an issue with performance- notably reference diagnosis of certain cancers - at Nobles Hospital. We need better funding, scrutiny and management in place to diagnose much more quickly and hence, increase a patient’s likelihood of recovery.

Democracy

The “elephant in the room” is that Tynwald has a division, namely the Legislative Council, which could be an embarrassment on the world stage as the members are not voted in by the Public – this is outrageous.

Environment

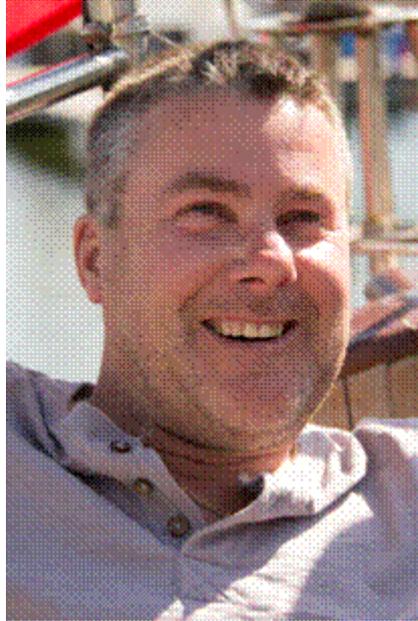
Sea- turbines could be used to help us generate electricity, and revenue, they do not need to be sighted, as was once thought, in strong tidal areas for performance but can be located almost anywhere with a reliable tidal flow: We have a first-rate example only 40 miles away in Strangford Lough, where there is a turbine which powers 1,500 houses; Why are we not following this world-leading technology?

Peel and Isle of Man Fishing Industry- Peel still relies heavily on it’s Industry but here is an example of our 2 tier society in action: Some fishermen are earning only £120 per week in high season, the price you might pay for dinner for 2 at one of the Island’s premier restaurants.

The TT

I cannot let this one go, shortly the major manufacturers of these high performance bikes will consider not entering the TT: The bikes are now out -performing the track- it could be another 10 years away, why not start to prepare a top specification Formula One style track for when that day comes? Guy Martin is lucky to be alive after his accident in Northern Ireland recently, he come off and slid on grass into a field, an open area. If Guy’s accident had happened in the Island, he would likely have hit a brick wall and either died instantly, or suffered a severe spinal injury.

If elected, any income from this position during the current term 2015-16 would be applied by me to improve Cancer diagnosis and treatment for patients in the Isle of Man.



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